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JOINT STATEMENT

Meetings between representatives of the Governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada started today to consider the special problems arising in connection with the production, refining and geographical distribution of petroleum and petroleum products. The Communique issued at the conclusion of the U.S.-British-Canadian Financial Discussions on September 12, 1949, refers to these problems. The present discussions are those foreshadowed in that Communique and will analyze oil transactions affecting the sterling area in the light of the legitimate interests of the countries and companies concerned.

The United States representatives will be under the leadership of Assistant Secretary of State, George W. Perkins. The British representatives will be led by Sir Henry Wilson-Smith and the Canadian representatives by R. M. Keith. It is anticipated that the complexity of the problem will require that the discussions continue for some time.

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